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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I would like to voice my opinion on the Microsoft case.

I am glad that it will be over soon. I believe that this was a bad idea in the first place. Microsoft was and is a successful company. Why should we be punishing them for their success. They have provided innovative products and ever decreasing prices.

If I were Microsoft, I would continue to fight this case. However, since they have agreed to a settlement, I hope that the government can finish this up quickly, so that Microsoft can go back to improving our economy and the government can get out of the marketplace.

Sincereb

Mike Hartmeyer